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SUBJECT: SAMORA MACHEL REPORTEDLY THREATENS RHODESIA

1. NOTICIAS DA BEIRA (ONLY DAILY NEWSPAPER CURRENTLY BEING
PUBLISHED IN MOZAMBIQUE BECAUSE OF PAPER SHORTAGE) OF JANUARY
9 CARRIES FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES: "IF NEGOTIATIONS FAIL, INDE-
PENDENT MOZAMBIQUE WILL SUPPORT ARMED STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE".

ARTICLE DATED LINEDAR-ES-SALAAM QUOTES REFERENCE MADE TO
RHODESIA BY FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL AT 24TH OAU
SESSION AS FOLLOWS: "WITHIN OUR POSSIBILITIES, WE WILL SUPPORT

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EFFORTS TO FORCE ILLEGAL REGIME OF SMITH TO ACCEPT WILL OF THE

PEOPLE, WHICH IS A TRUE AND IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE. IF PEACEFUL MEANS ARE IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE STUBBORNNESS OF REACTIONARIES AND RACISTS, WE WILL NOT HESITATE TO FULFILL OUR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATION OF SOLIDARITY, AS WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE".

2. COMMENT: REMARKS ON RHODESIA ATTRIBUTED TO MACHEL CONTRAST SHARPLY WITH MODERATE LINE OF PRIME MINISTER CHISSANO, WHO RECENTLY REITERATED THAT, DESPITE POLICY DIFFERENCES, MOZAMBIQUE WILL NOT INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF RHODESIA (SEE LM A-203). WHILE MACHEL'S STATEMENTS ABROAD ARE AIMED FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF NON-MOZAMBIKAN AUDIENCES, LOCAL NEWS MEDIA HAVE BEEN CARRYING EXCERPTS WHICH ARE HELPING CONFIRM FEARS OF MANY WHITE PORTUGUESE RESIDENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE THAT MACHEL IS UNCOMPROMISING, DOGMATIC MARXIST AND THEREFORE MOZAMBIQUE HOLDS LITTLE FUTURE FOR THEM. MACHEL'S REMARKS, INCLUDING STATEMENT IN NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE THAT "NO ONE IS INDISPENSABLE", APPEAR TO BE UNDERMINING MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO STOP WHITE EXODUS AND RESTORE CONFIDENCE.
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